Class Description: Class Description: Topical introduction to the problems of philosophy including practical applications of philosophical views towards everyday life. The course will investigate the of knowledge, ethics and morality, the nature of reality, and the problems of free will and determinism, amongst other concerns.

Textbook and Access code information, including costs: 1. Norman Melchert , The Great Conversation, 7th Edition- cost varies 2. Gaarder Sophies World; any paperback edition- cost varies . Texts are absolutely necessary for the course. Students are expected to have the texts by the first day that the course begins .

Other Course Materials Required: None

Initial instructions for beginning of class: Students are required to sign on within the first three days of classes and to complete requested orientation work. You also should navigate the course site to become familiar with it. Students who do not sign in will be dropped and students from the wait list will be allowed to replace dropped students. If you are a first time user of Blackboard, read the Distance Learning Help material for assistance. Note that if there is a block on your registration or a problems with your registration , you will not be able to sign on for the course until you are cleared. This must be done through admissions and records.

Testing regulations (included proctoring guidelines link): Final exam is comprehensive and will be taken online at the conclusion of the course. More specifics will be provided at the beginning of the course. Plagiarism is not tolerated in this class and will result in possible failure of the class and disciplinary action. You are requested to review college policies on honesty before beginning this course.

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Student Learning Outcomes: The presentation and assignments in this course are designed so that a student who expends reasonable effort should be able to : Explain the core problems (or questions) in philosophy and why they matter. Critically evaluate competing viewpoints in relation to the philosophical questions that are being investigated. Synthesize and justify their own viewpoints on philosophical problems and questions studied.

Useful Links:

Other:

DSPS Information: